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- 1 - Please review the attached and provide comments to this office no later than COB 6 September. Thanks.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Harry Fitzwater  
Deputy Director for Administration

✓ James McDonald  
Associate Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Legislation Division  
Office of Legislative Liaison

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SUBJECT: Request By OMB for Our Views on an Office of  
Personnel Management Report on S. 888, The  
Economic Equity Act.

1. OMB has requested our views on a proposed report by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) on the Economic Equity Act. The Economic Equity Act, S. 888, is a comprehensive bill dealing with equal rights for women. The title which is dealt with in OPM's report is Title I concerning tax and retirement matters, specifically section 109. (Attached) This section seeks various degrees of protection for former spouses of Civil Service employees in terms of retirement and survivor annuities.

2. OPM in this report objects to enactment of section 109 because they feel that the current provisions under the Civil Service Retirement System provide adequate protection for former spouses through the case by case award of benefits by State courts in divorce proceedings. They also object to section 109 on the grounds of cost. They point out in the report that this section resembles provisions of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 and the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 1983, both of which provide benefits for former spouses of officers and employees serving overseas. They feel that the same equities are not involved in careers of most employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System. Interestingly, that do not address the fact that section 612 of our FY 83 Authorization Act extends these same benefits to former spouses of Agency employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System.

3. In deciding how we should respond to OPM's report, a policy decision must be made as to whether this Agency should oppose, support, or remain neutral on, the government-wide extension of benefits to former spouses of employees under the Civil Service Retirement System. Procedures governing our response to OPM require us to indicate support, opposition, or no objection, to all or part of a proposed report. Therefore, I would appreciate your close review of OPM's report and your advice as to how you wish this Agency to respond. I need to respond to OMB by COB 7 September.

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Attachment

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Office of legislative Liaison

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